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1. There was a military airfield about 6,600 x 10,000 feet on the southwestern edge of VORONEZH (39°12'S/51°38'E) (Moscow MD). The landing field had a grass cover and a conspicuous concrete runway 4,000 to 4,500 feet long. Five or six hangars were arranged in a semicircle on the edge of the field. The steel skeletons of these hangars were preserved but the roofs destroyed. The hangars were under repair. There were cantonment buildings behind the hangars. A wind cone was observed on the three-story administration building. There was a white flashing beacon on a little hill near the field.
2. The following aircraft were stationed at the field:
 - a. About 35 twin-engine bombers of type Pe-2 with double rudder assembly and retractable landing gear, crew of four.
 - b. About nine twin-engine transport aircraft, wings almost at mid-fuselage, single rudder assembly, landing gear retracting upward, nose wheel retracting rearward. According to Soviet civilians, the craft could carry 70 men.
 - c. Three biplanes of type U-2.
 - d. Three or four air force companies with a high percentage of recruits.
3. The following flying activities were observed:
 - a. Individual flights and flying in formation of up to 27 Pe-2s, partly with fighter escort supplied from another field; bomb release practices east of the junction between the Voronezh and Don rivers, partly from low-level flights.

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b. Individual flying with transport aircraft, also at night, with the employment of two large air-borne searchlights.

c. Individual parachute jumps from the C-2, also at night, from about 1,000 feet, with searchlights operating.

d. Several cargo gliders in late 1947.

4. The civilian airfield, 5,000 x 10,000 feet, was located north of the town, west of the road to Moscow. There were two three-story administration buildings on the southwestern border of the field. About 12 biplanes were parked behind these buildings. Twin-engine Douglas passenger aircraft operated on the airlines; the 12 biplanes were used only as trainers. According to a Soviet civilian, a commercial pilot school was located at the field. *

25X1 Comment: The military airfield located southwest of Voronezh was repeatedly reported. The runway was mentioned for the first time. The presence of Pe-2 bombers may be considered as confirmed. The observed nine twin-engine planes with nose wheel probably were Il-12 aircraft, but the stated capacity of 70 men presumably refers to the four-engine aircraft which have been stationed there since March 1949. *

From available information a pilot school for bomber and transport aircraft including training for formation, night, and blind flying is assumed to be stationed there.

* The data on the commercial airfield confirmed previous information. It is assumed that this field is used by aircraft operating on the Moscow-Voronezh line. A primary pilot school also seems to be located there.

25X1 existence of four-engine aircraft at this airfield.

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